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(NAME OF SCHOOL) POLITICAL SCIENCE TEACHER

GETS CLOSE-UP VIEW OF CAMPAIGN '80 AND THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- (Name of school) political science teacher (name of teacher) received first-hand a detailed account of the 1980 presidential campaign and how the American political system operates during an intensive two-week national government seminar at George Washington University (July 14-25).

The Robert A. Taft Institute of Government Seminar brought together 26 elementary and high school political science teachers from across the country under the auspices of the GW political science department and the institute. The program is under the direction of Dr. Stephen J. Wayne, GW professor of political science and public affairs.

While most of the nation depended on television for news of the Republican National Convention (and the latest Billy Carter controversy), Taft Seminar teachers discussed the meaning of these events with politicians, political scholars, pollsters, Washington "insiders" and members of the media. The advantage this gives the teachers in the classroom this fall--when students return from vacation and the presidential campaign

goes into full swing--was expressed by Independent Television News Association correspondent Ford Rowan, who said, "It's a shame that the majority of people rely on television as their single source of news. Television doesn't treat issues very well and never has." Rowan, who scans several newspapers a day, suggested that teachers use the print media.

The common thread running through discussions was the decline of the two-party system and its effect on the electoral process. Democratic Party reforms of the last 12 years, in particular, came under attack from Dr. Austin Ranney, author and member of the American Enterprise Institute think tank and a member of the committees which drew up the party reforms in 1968, 1972 and 1976. "What we have done with these reforms," said Ranney, "is to divorce completely the process of winning a nomination from winning the national election and, more importantly, from the actual process of governing."

Because there is no chance for a return to the traditional smoke-filled rooms where presidential candidates practiced wheeling and dealing, Ranney sees further decline in the presidency, as candidates focus exclusively on getting nominated and not on mastering the skills needed to govern well or on making the contacts who bring power to the position. "We'll be lucky to get a skillful, governing president," he said. "If it happens, it will be in spite of the nominating process."

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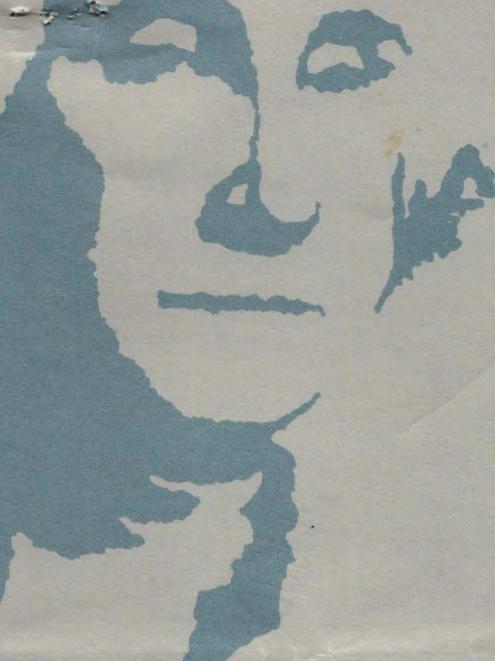
The lack of leadership the teachers felt in Washington extended to Congress, whose members over the last decade have helped weaken the power of the presidency--and their own power as well. Congressman Richard Cheney (R-Wyo.) told seminar participants that "because of the demise of the seniority system, a congressman's political future is not related to...the guidance of leadership. The changes make us a far more representative body, but it is now extremely difficult to pull views together into any kind of coherent whole."

Seminar participants spent two days on Capitol Hill hearing congressmen and their aides describe internal workings of their offices. Legislative assistant Alan Moore of Senator John Danforth's (D-Mo.) office described how constituent letters are answered with standardized paragraphs and computer typewritten. Some teachers were distressed by this as well as the practice of staffing offices with people who know their way around Washington, instead of people from the home state.

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up to believe that a woman's place is in the home, it becomes politically relevant when you walk into a voting booth years later and are confronted with two candidates, one of whom is a woman," she said. Studies of second graders, according to Carroll, show that they see government as a man. "The quality we seem to think is the most important in a president is strength, toughness. One could go so far as to say macho."



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COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY TO SPEAK AT GW LAW ALUMNI BREAKFAST

DURING ANNUAL FEDERAL BAR CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Honorable William J. Driver, Commissioner of Social Security, will be the principal speaker at a George Washington University law alumni breakfast during the annual Federal Bar Convention here on Friday, August 29. The breakfast will be held at 7:30 a.m. in the Valley Forge Room of the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave., NW.

Driver, a 1952 graduate of the GW National Law Center, will also be honored with the presentation of the GW Law Association Professional Achievement Award by President Fred H. Daly.



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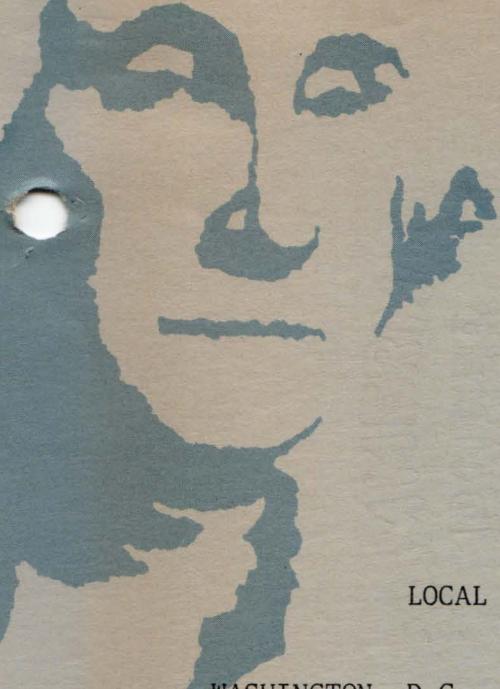
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GW PROFESSOR TO SPEAK ON "MEDICAL ETHICS--A GROWTH INDUSTRY"

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- "Medical Ethics--A Growth Industry" is the subject of a free lecture on Wednesday, September 3 at 8 p.m. at George Washington University. Dr. Harry E. Yeidi, chairman of GW's department of religion, will deliver a 50-minute lecture followed by a question/answer period.

The First Wednesday Lecture Series, of which Dr. Yeidi's presentation is a part, is held each month in rooms 410-415, 4th floor, GW's Marvin Center, 21st and H Streets, NW. To ensure seating, those planning to attend should call the Alumni Relations Office at least a day in advance at (202) 676-6435. The public is cordially invited to attend.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

LOCAL RESIDENT WINS FELLOWSHIP TO STUDY IN CHINA

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Former Morgantown resident Susan L. Muth is one of 51 students and scholars selected nationwide to study and conduct research in the People's Republic of China during 1980-81 as part of the National Program for Advanced Study and Research in China funded by the U.S. International Communication Agency, the National Science Foundation, the Office of Education and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Muth received a master's degree in international affairs from George Washington University's School of Public and International Affairs in 1975 and subsequently spent a year studying, teaching and traveling in East Asia. She is currently a doctoral candidate at GW in international relations, specializing in the study of East Asia.

For the past two years she has been a laboratory instructor for elementary Chinese language courses at GW and director of research and delegations for WJS International Inc., an east-west trade consulting firm in Washington, D.C. In this position she prepared market studies and analyses of trade and political/economic developments with respect to the People's Republic of China and escorted delegations hosted by WJS.

Muth will attend Beijing University in China for one year conducting dissertation research and taking courses in modern Chinese economic history and thought. She received her B.A. in 1973 at West Virginia University.



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WRITING COURSES OFFERED AT GW

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Washington area's proliferation of aspiring writers will be interested in a number of non-degree courses offered through George Washington University's Continuing Education for Women Center this fall.

A new offering, "Covering the Washington Political Scene: Writing the Story Behind the News," will show how to analyze the implications of an event as well as recount the facts. Development of news sources and covering Congress, the White House and special interest groups will be included in this 10-week course.

"Freelance Writing," a six-week course, will cover making contacts, analyzing the market, improving style, legal protection and arrangements for payment.

Other writing courses at GW include "Humor Writing" and "Writing and Illustrating Children's Books." For registration information, call 676-7036.



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MEMO TO: FOREIGN AFFAIRS EDITORS

RE: PERU SPECIALISTS AT GW

Three specialists in Peruvian affairs now teaching at George Washington University are available for print and broadcast media interviews. They are Cynthia McClintock, assistant professor of political science; Peter Klaren̄, professor of history; and Catherine Wagner Allen, assistant professor of anthropology. All have spent considerable time in Peru, in addition to their extensive research into and publication on the South American nation.

In the spring semester of 1981, these professors will team-teach an interdisciplinary course, "Modes of Domination in Andean Society," emphasizing the Peruvian experience.



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Memo

Friday, August 29, 1980

To: Assignment Editors
From: Diane H. Rush, News Manager
Re: Labor Day Festival at George Washington University

A free Labor Day Festival, sponsored by the George Washington University Student Association, will feature a flea market from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Live band music from Tex Rubinowitz and the Bad Boys (at 3 p.m.) and the Fabulous Thunderbirds (at 7 p.m.) as well as a professional frisbee show (at 1 p.m.) and trivia contests, cherry pie-eating contest and juggling show (at 5:15 p.m.) should provide ample opportunity for visual coverage.

The festival will be held on H Street between 20th and 21st Sts., NW. In case of rain it will be moved into the Marvin Center Cafeteria, 800 21st St., NW.

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